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Claims 1-42 (cancelled).

Claim 43 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide which has the formula (in 5' to 3' order): A-B-C-D, in which,

A represents a sequence of locked nucleotide units;

B represents a sequence of non-locked nucleotide units, wherein B has a length of 4-20 nucleotide units;

C represents a sequence of locked nucleotide units; and

D represents a non-locked nucleotide unit or a sequence of non-locked nucleotide units.

Claim 44-46 (cancelled)

Claim 47 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

A has a length of between 2-6 nucleotide units;

B has a length of between 4-12 nucleotide units;

C has a length of between 1-5 nucleotide units;

D has a length of 1-3 nucleotide units;

and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units.

Claim 48 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

A has a length between 3-5 nucleotide units;

B has a length between 6-10 nucleotide units;

C has a length between 2-4 nucleotide units;

D has between 1-2 nucleotide units;

and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units.

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Claim 49 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length of 2-5 [[4]] nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 2-4 3 nucleotide units;  
D has a length of 1-2 nucleotide units;  
and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units.

Claim 50 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;  
and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units.

Claim 51 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

Claim 52 (cancelled)

Claim 53 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 45 94, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

Claim 54 (cancelled)

Claim 55 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 47, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

Claim 56 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 48, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

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**Claim 57 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 49, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

**Claim 58 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 50, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

**Claim 59 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of  $-O-P(O)_2-O-$ ,  $-O-P(O,S)-O-$ ,  $-O-P(S)_2-O-$ ,  $-NR^H-P(O)_2-O-$ ,  $-O-P(O,NR^H)-O-$ ,  $-O-PO(R")-O-$ ,  $-O-PO(CH_3)-O-$ , and  $-O-PO(NHR^N)-O-$ , where  $R^H$  is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 60 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a  $-O-P(O)_2-O-$  linkage.

**Claim 61 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

**Claim 62 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

**Claim 63 (currently amended):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length between 32-5 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 6-10 nucleotide units;  
C has a length between 2-4 nucleotide units;  
D has a length between 1-2 nucleotide units;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a

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sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

Claim 64 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43 wherein:  
A has a length between 32-5 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 6-10 nucleotide units;  
C has a length between 2-4 nucleotide units;  
D has a length between 1-2 nucleotide units;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

Claim 65 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
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B has a length between 6-10 nucleotide units;  
C has a length between 2-4 nucleotide units;  
D has a length between 1-2 nucleotide units;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

Claim 66 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

**Claim 67 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**

- A has a length between 2-6 nucleotide units;**
- B has a length between 4-12 nucleotide units;**
- C has a length between 1-5 nucleotide units;**
- D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units;**

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

**Claim 68 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**

- A has a length between 2-6 nucleotide units;**
- B has a length between 4-12 nucleotide units;**
- C has a length between 1-5 nucleotide units;**
- D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units;**

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 69 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**

- A has a length between 2-6 nucleotide units;**
- B has a length between 4-12 nucleotide units;**
- C has a length between 1-5 nucleotide units;**

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D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units; the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

Claim 70 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length between 2-6 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 4-12 nucleotide units;  
C has a length between 1-5 nucleotide units;  
D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units; the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

Claim 71 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

Claim 72 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

Claim 73 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

- A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;
- B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;
- C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;
- D has 1 nucleotide unit;

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

Claim 74 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

- A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;
- B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;
- C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;
- D has 1 nucleotide unit;

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

Claim 75 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein

- A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;
- B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;
- C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;
- D has 1 nucleotide unit;

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

**Claim 76 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide units;

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 77 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide units;

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

**Claim 78 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide units;

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units;  
the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and  
wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a  
phoshorothioate linkage.

**Claim 79 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**

**A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;**

**B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;**

**C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;**

**D has 1 nucleotide unit;**

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 80 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 79, wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.**

**Claim 81 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 79, wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phoshorothioate linkage.**

**Claim 82 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of between 4-12 nucleotide units.**

**Claim 83 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of between 6-20 nucleotide units.**

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**Claim 84 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of between 7-20 nucleotide units.**

**Claim 85 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of between 8-20 nucleotide units.**

**Claim 86 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 87 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

**Claim 88 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 83, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 89 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 83, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

**Claim 90 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 84, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 91 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 84, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

**Claim 92 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 93 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

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Claim 94 (new): An oligonucleotide which has the formula (in 5' to 3' order): A-B-C-D, in which,

A represents a sequence of locked nucleotide units;

B represents a sequence of non-locked nucleotide units, wherein B has a length of 4-20 nucleotide units and wherein at least one unit within B has a 2'-deoxy pentofuranose sugar moiety;

C represents a sequence of locked nucleotide units; and

D represents a non-locked nucleotide unit or a sequence of non-locked nucleotide units.

Claim 95 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.

Claim 96 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.

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Claim 44-46 (cancelled)

Claim 47 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

A has a length of between 2-6 nucleotide units;

B has a length of between 4-12 nucleotide units;

C has a length of between 1-5 nucleotide units;

D has a length of 1-3 nucleotide units;

and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units.

Claim 48 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

A has a length between 3~~2~~-5 nucleotide units;

B has a length between 6-10 nucleotide units;

C has a length between 2-4 nucleotide units;

D has between 1-2 nucleotide units;

and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units.

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**Claim 49 (currently amended): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**  
**A has a length of 2-5 [[4]] nucleotide units;**  
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**C has a length of 2-4 3 nucleotide units;**  
**D has a length of 1-2 nucleotide units;**  
**and the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units.**

**Claim 50 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein**  
**A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;**  
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**Claim 51 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.**

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**Claim 57 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 49, in which the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units.

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**Claim 59 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O-, where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 60 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

**Claim 61 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

**Claim 62 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide oligonucleotide according to claim 43, in which B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

**Claim 63 (currently amended):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length between 32-5 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 6-10 nucleotide units;  
C has a length between 2-4 nucleotide units;  
D has a length between 1-2 nucleotide units;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a

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sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 12-21 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

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C has a length between 1-5 nucleotide units;

D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units;

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

Claim 68 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:

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B has a length between 4-12 nucleotide units;

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

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D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units; the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units;

the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

**Claim 70 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**

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D has a length between 1-3 nucleotide units; the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 8-26 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

**Claim 71 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:**

A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

Claim 73 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

Claim 74 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;  
the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phosphorothioate linkage.

Claim 75 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B represents a sequence of nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when hybridised to a target nucleic acid.

**Claim 76 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein**  
**A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;**  
**B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;**  
**C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;**  
**D has 1 nucleotide units;**

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein the internucleoside linkages independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-, -O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and -O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 77 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein**  
**A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;**  
**B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;**  
**C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;**  
**D has 1 nucleotide units;**

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units; the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

**Claim 78 (previously presented): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein**  
**A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;**  
**B has a length of 8 nucleotide units;**  
**C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;**  
**D has 1 nucleotide units;**

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the overall length of the oligonucleotide is 16 nucleotide units;  
the locked nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; and  
wherein B comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a  
phoshorothioate linkage.

**Claim 79 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein:  
A has a length of 4 nucleotide units;  
B has a length between 7-9 nucleotide units;  
C has a length of 3 nucleotide units;  
D has 1 nucleotide unit;

the overall length of the oligonucleotide is between 15-17 nucleotide units; the locked  
nucleotide units in A and C are beta-D-oxy-LNA units; B represents a sequence of  
nucleotide units that makes the oligonucleotide able to recruit RNase H when  
hybridised to a target nucleic acid; and wherein the internucleoside linkages  
independently are selected from the group consisting of -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,S)-O-,  
-O-P(S)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -NR<sup>H</sup>-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-P(O,NR<sup>H</sup>)-O-, -O-PO(R")-O-, -O-PO(CH<sub>3</sub>)-O-, and  
-O-PO(NHR<sup>N</sup>)-O- where R<sup>H</sup> is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, and R" is selected  
from C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl and phenyl.

**Claim 80 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 79, wherein B  
comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a -O-P(O)<sub>2</sub>-O- linkage.

**Claim 81 (previously presented):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 79, wherein B  
comprises at least one internucleotide linkage which is not a phoshorothioate linkage.

**Claim 82 (new):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of  
between 4-12 nucleotide units.

**Claim 83 (new):** An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of  
between 6-20 nucleotide units.

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**Claim 84 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of between 7-20 nucleotide units.**

**Claim 85 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a length of between 8-20 nucleotide units.**

**Claim 86 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 87 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 43, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

**Claim 88 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 83, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 89 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 83, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

**Claim 90 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 84, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 91 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 84, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

**Claim 92 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.**

**Claim 93 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.**

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Claim 94 (new): An oligonucleotide which has the formula (in 5' to 3' order): A-B-C-D, in which,

A represents a sequence of locked nucleotide units;

B represents a sequence of non-locked nucleotide units, wherein B has a length of 4-20 nucleotide units and wherein at least one unit within B has a 2'-deoxy pentofuranose sugar moiety;

C represents a sequence of locked nucleotide units; and

D represents a non-locked nucleotide unit or a sequence of non-locked nucleotide units.

Claim 95 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that comprises at least one DNA nucleotide unit.

Claim 96 (new): An oligonucleotide according to claim 85, wherein B has a sequence that consists of DNA nucleotide units.